



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine
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Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Veterinary Shortage ID Code: NY115

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Jefferson County, New York State

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Location of Position: Watertown, NY

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other _____

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒ Beef Cattle
- ☒ Dairy Cattle
- ☒ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☒ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other : _____

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

Objectives: 1) Create a well-qualified pool of candidates from diverse backgrounds to serve as a private practice veterinarian delivering food animal veterinary service to portions of Jefferson County in New York State. 2) Help assure that talented students and graduates with aptitude for food animal practice are not prevented from serving due to financial constraints. 3) The person meeting this shortage situation will spend a minimum of 30% of their professional effort towards protecting the health of domestic livestock in food production.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

The veterinarian who responds to this shortage will help provide veterinary care in a county with a food animal population of over 65,000 head. The AVMA (http://www.avma.org/fsvm/maps/ny.asp#animal_vet), has statistics showing 8 food animal veterinarians are currently present in this county. Five of these are part time, and 2 are over 65 years old. The county generates about 123 million dollars in cash receipts from livestock annually. We expect this veterinarian to dedicate at least 30% of his or her professional efforts to food animal health and productivity.

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

This is the first organized effort to address the food animal practitioner shortage in this county that I am aware of.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Failure to alleviate the food animal veterinarian shortage in this area and other parts of New York will adversely impact individual animal health, human health, animal population health, animal well-being, and the economic viability of New York farms. The current limited availability of veterinary care leads to delayed treatment of injuries and medical conditions, lessens the likelihood of early detection of a serious animal disease outbreak, and leads to the early loss of valuable animals. The IBRC (<http://www.ibrc.indiana.edu/innovation/interactive.asp?dpage=58>) study shows Jefferson as the 21st most rural county of New York's 62 counties. Veterinarians play crucial roles in helping farms use antibiotics and other animal medications properly. With increased concern over drug resistant bacteria and drug residues in food, the veterinarian will play a key role in food safety and consumer confidence.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

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